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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>VIET NAM</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health 138A Giang Vo street, Ba Dinh district., Ha Noi City, Viet Nam Tel (84-24) 362732402 Fax: (84-24) 38464051 Email: <a href="mailto:byt@moh.gov.vn">byt@moh.gov.vn</a> Website: <a href="http://www.moh.gov.vn">www.moh.gov.vn</a> <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> Ministry of Health Department of Legal affair 138A Giang Vo street, Ba Dinh district., Ha Noi City, Viet Nam Tel (84-24) 362732402 Fax: (84-24) 38464051 Email: <a href="mailto:byt@moh.gov.vn">byt@moh.gov.vn</a> Website: <a href="http://www.moh.gov.vn">www.moh.gov.vn</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Alcoholic beverages (ICS 67.160.10).
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Law on Prevention and Control of Harms of Alcohol use (12 page(s), in Vietnamese)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft Law regulates measures to prevent & control the harms of alcohol, beer and other alcoholic drinks (hereinafter referred to as "alcohol") including: measures to reduce demand; measures to control alcohol supply and measures to reduce the harms of alcohol use, ensuring resources for prevention and control of the harms of alcohol use and promote public health. Alcohol produced and imported for sale and use in Vietnam must comply with national technical standards on alcohol and basic standards on alcohol. In case for lack of national technical regulations for alcohol, the regulations of safety conditions for alcohol must be complied. Alcohol producers and importers should comply with regulation conformity announcement or announcement on conformity with regulation on food safety; Registration and certification of satisfaction with import requirements of State inspection agencies for quality of imported food products as alcohol; and be responsible for the suitability of alcohol with national technical regulations, safety conditions on alcohol announced.

<p>The Minister of Health shall promulgate the national technical standards on alcohol, and specify safety conditions for alcohol products without regulations; specify the procedure of publication for conformity announcement or announcement on conformity with regulation on food safety for alcohol.</p> <p>Alcohol that is produced or imported for sale in Vietnam must meet the labeling provisions in accordance with the law on goods labeling. Homemade Alcohol which is directly sold to consumers should be packed with name and address of production individuals or organizations. Minister of Trade shall make detailed prescriptions on labelling of alcohol after agreement with Minister of Health.</p> <p>Labelling on packages of exported alcohol should be in compliance with requirements for exported goods of importing countries.</p> <p>Encourage producers to include on labels all the information about the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) alcohol units relevant to amount of alcohol,</li> <li>b) recommending consumers on alcohol units could be used at low risk level; and</li> <li>c) health warnings under guidance of Ministry of Health.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health or safety</p>
<p><b>8. Relevant documents:</b> -</p>
<p><b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 15 May 2019 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2020</p>
<p><b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification</p>
<p><b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Health Department of Legal affair 138A Giang Vo street, Ba Dinh district., Ha Noi City, Viet Nam Tel (84-24) 362732402 Fax: (84-24) 38464051 Email: <a href="mailto:byt@moh.gov.vn">byt@moh.gov.vn</a> Website: <a href="http://www.moh.gov.vn">www.moh.gov.vn</a></p> <p>Or can be downloaded at: <a href="http://tbt.gov.vn/To%20Link%20lin%20kt/D%E1%BB%B1%20th%E1%BA%A3o%20Lu%E1%BA%ADt%20ph%C3%B2ng%20ch%E1%BB%91ng%20t%C3%A1c%20h%E1%BA%A1i%20r%C6%B0%E1%BB%A3u%20bia.doc">http://tbt.gov.vn/To%20Link%20lin%20kt/D%E1%BB%B1%20th%E1%BA%A3o%20Lu%E1%BA%ADt%20ph%C3%B2ng%20ch%E1%BB%91ng%20t%C3%A1c%20h%E1%BA%A1i%20r%C6%B0%E1%BB%A3u%20bia.doc</a></p>